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Camp Pendleton exercise security zone made less restrictive

SAN DIEGO -- The temporary security zone in the waters adjacent to Camp Pendleton, California was canceled today and will be replaced next week with a less restrictive series of security zones and other precautions.

Responding to concerns raised by the Sport Fishing Association of California and other mariners the Coast Guard and U. S. Navy have developed a new security arrangement. The Coast Guard canceled the previous security zone effective immediately.

The new zones will be announced next week and will go into effect in March. They will cover a smaller area and will not be in effect as long as the initial security zone.

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The United States Navy will conduct Operation Native Atlas 2002, a joint military exercise, in this area. This exclusionary zone is necessary for the security of the Naval facilities and operations and also to protect the public from potentially hazardous operations.

For further information about this temporary security zone contact Lieutenant Commander Rick Sorrell, Chief of Port Operations, Coast Guard Marine Safety Office San Diego, at (619) 683-6495.

For further information about exercise Native Atlas contact Naval Amphibious Group Three at (619) 556-1460.

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